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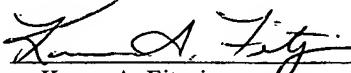
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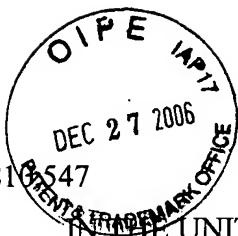
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.